

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate an important event in American political history, which may have been overlooked by many of my colleagues. On January 3, 1997, Americans for Democratic Action celebrated its 50th anniversary.

ADA has a history of which all its members can be proud. In 1947, a group of activists gathered at the Willard Hotel and pledged themselves to a liberalism which moves with the times. As an ADA vice president, I can say with certainty that ADA has lived up to its vision.

Since that day in 1947, ADA has been at the forefront of political discourse. In fact, ADA was the first national organization to call for the impeachment of Richard Nixon during the Watergate scandal. ADA has also been a leader in opposition to issues such as the Vietnam war and apartheid in South Africa.

ADA provides insightful analysis on a myriad of current issues including workers' rights, student opportunities, women's issues, health care, civil rights, the Federal budget, and defense spending. ADA's political advice and members in the field are an invaluable source of information for me and many other Members of Congress.

I am especially pleased that ADA's two top officers, Henry Berger, who chairs the national executive committee, and Jack Sheinkman, our president, are both fellow New Yorkers. ADA's New York City chapter is one of the largest and most active in the Nation.

ADA is not only one of the longest lived political organizations in this country, it also has a rich history on which it continues to build a vision for the future. I am proud to be an ADA member and look forward to working with this remarkable organization for the next 50 years.

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join in the special order organized by Congressman FILNER to pay tribute to the Americans for Democratic Action on this organization's 50th anniversary.

The ADA was formed at a time when this country had just emerged from a devastating depression and an all-engaging world war, and when we faced a number of wracking social changes at home and a series of demanding international challenges abroad. Notable figures like Eleanor Roosevelt, Reinhold Niebuhr, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., John Kenneth Galbraith, Walter Reuther, Paul Douglas, and Hubert Humphrey created the ADA to provide a forum for progressives to debate pressing public policy issues and to articulate a progressive agenda for national action.

Fifty years later, we can say with some perspective that the ADA has done just that. The ADA has taken bold, principled stands on issues as diverse as civil rights and international affairs—and the organization has been the object of unfair attack and invective by some of its political enemies—but throughout it all the ADA has remained true to the ideals of a compassionate society, an activist Democratic government, and the greatest possible personal freedom and opportunity for all of the members of our society.

I want to congratulate the ADA for 50 years of contributions to a more informed public debate, and I look forward to the contributions that the ADA will make in the next 50 years.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. NEUMANN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. NEUMANN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today and the balance of the week, on account of a death in the family.)

Mr. SCARBOROUGH (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today and the balance of the week, on account of illness in the family.

Mr. CARSON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today and the balance of the week, on account of illness.

Mr. OBEY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week, on account of recovering from surgery.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KILDEE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GREEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BOB SCHAEFER of Colorado) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes each day, today and February 13.

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. ROHRBACHER for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KILDEE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. TRAFICANT.

Mr. ROEMER.

Mr. RANGEL.

Mr. DELLUMS.

Mr. SKELTON.

Mr. KILDEE.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. BERMAN.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii.

Mr. STOKES.

Mr. SCHUMER.

Mr. WEYGAND.

Mr. YATES.

Mr. ROTHMAN.

Mr. STARK.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Mr. TORRES.

Mr. COYNE.

Ms. HARMAN.

Mr. BECERRA.

Mr. RAHALL.

Mr. SERRANO.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BOB SCHAEFER of Colorado) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. BLUNT.

Mr. ROGERS.

Mr. GINGRICH.

Mr. MCINNIS.

Mr. CRANE.

Mr. PAUL.

Mr. DUNCAN.

Mr. WELLER.

Mr. PITTS.

Mr. KNOLLENBERG in two instances.

Mr. CANADAY of Florida in two instances.

Mr. GILMAN in two instances.

Mr. SHUSTER.

Mrs. CUBIN.

Mr. INGLIS of SOUTH CAROLINA.

Mr. LUCAS of OKLAHOMA.

Mr. YOUNG of ALASKA.

Mr. STUMP.

Mr. SPENCE.

Mr. GOODLATTE.

Mr. BUNNING.

Mr. ROGAN.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. FILNER) and to revise and extend her remarks:)

Ms. WOOLSEY.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. FILNER. Mr. SPEAKER, I MOVE THAT THE HOUSE DO NOW ADJOURN.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, February 13, 1997, at 10 a.m.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. SOLOMON, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. SHAW, Mr. HERGER, Mr. MCCRERY, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. WELLER, Mr. HAYWORTH, and Mr. FOLEY):

H.R. 693. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the increase in the tax on Social Security benefits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LATOURETTE:

H.R. 694. A bill to provide for a change with respect to the requirements for a Canadian border boat landing permit pursuant to section 235 of the Immigration and Nationality Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. COBLE, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. BONO, Mr. PEASE, Mr. CANNON, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Ms. WATERS, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BAKER, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DICKEY, Mr.